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IN THE CLAIMS

A complete listing of the claims and their status follows. No changes have been made to the claims in this response.

21 (previously added) A method for controlling moles within an area, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a composition for mole control having an active ingredient capable of repelling moles adsorbed on an inert solid matrix capable of adsorbing the active ingredient; and

(b) applying the composition to the soil of the area.

22. (previously added) The method of claim 21, wherein said applying step is performed using a mechanical spreader.

23. (previously added) The method of claim 21 further comprising the step of:  
(c) mixing the composition into soil.

24. (previously added) The method of claim 23 further comprising the step of:  
(d) applying water to the composition to facilitate disbursement of the active ingredient in the soil.

25. (previously added) The method of claim 21 wherein said providing step uses a composition for a mole control comprising an active ingredient capable of repelling moles adsorbed on an inert solid matrix capable of adsorbing said active ingredient forming a substantially uniform mixture, said mixture having an effective amount of said active ingredient capable of repelling moles.

26. (previously added) The method of claim 25 wherein the active ingredient is releasable from said inert solid matrix.

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27. (previously added) The method of claim 25 wherein the active ingredient comprises castor oil.

28. (previously added) The method of Claim 25 wherein the active ingredient comprises at least one of: hydrogenated castor oil, 12-hydroxy steric acid, undecylenic acid, ricinoleic acid, and extract from castor plant parts.

29. (previously added) The method of claim 21 wherein the inert solid matrix is a granular material.

30. (previously added) The method of claim 25 wherein granular material includes at least one of: granular clay, sawdust, straw, grass pellets, and wood chips.

31. (previously added) The method of claim 21 wherein said inert solid matrix is a powdered material.

32. (previously added) The method of claim 30 wherein said powdered material includes one of: clay powder, eggshell powder, bone powder, and flour.

33. (previously added) The method of claim 30 wherein said composition further comprises an encapsulating material capable of controlling release of active ingredient, said encapsulating material disposed on an outer surface of said active ingredient adsorbed on said inert solid matrix.

34. (previously added) The method of claim 33 wherein said active ingredient comprises castor oil.

35. (previously added) The method of claim 33 wherein said active ingredient comprises at least one of: hydrogenated castor oil, 12-hydroxy steric acid, undecylenic acid, ricinoleic acid, and extract from castor plant parts.

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36. (previously added) The method of claim 33 wherein said inert solid matrix is a granular material.

37. (previously added) The method of claim 33 wherein said granular material includes at least one of: granular clay, sawdust, straw, grass pellets, and wood chips.

38. (previously added) The method of claim 36 wherein said inert solid matrix is a powdered material.

39. (previously added) The method of claim 38 wherein said powdered material includes at least one of: clay powder, eggshell powder, bone powder, and flour.